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Break in the Ranks Poll Clerks Want Answers

PERTH AMBOY - The Amboy Guardian has received phone calls from poll clerks who had been working the polls for decades. One of these poll clerks said they had received letters stating that they would no longer be able to work the polls, starting with the special election of 5/12/15.

We were able to obtain the letter that was sent out to the poll clerks from the Perth Amboy Democratic Organization.

The letter states: April 17, 2015 - Dear Dedicated and Loval Democratic Poll Worker, This letter is to inform you that you may or may not be working for both the Special Election on Tuesday, May 12th and the Primary Election on Tuesday, June 2nd. If you receive your credentials from the Middlesex County Board of Elections then you will be working for these elections at the polling place designated (Please be sure to check the location as it may not be your previously assigned polling place.) If you DO NOT receive your credentials then you are NOT working for this election and don't report to your previously assigned polling place.

This is not the decision of the Perth Amboy Democratic Organization or myself. We



Fernando Gonzalez

would never do this to our loyal democratic poll workers of many years and new.

Please note Daniel E. Frankel Commissioner of Registration of the Middlesex County Board of Elections made this decision. He is assigning the poll workers from a list of people submitted the Diaz Team.

If you have any questions feel free to call the Middlesex County Board of Elections at 732-745-3471 and they will be happy to answer any of your questions.

There will be a class for all poll workers at the Alexander F. Jankowski Center located at 1 Olive St. on Monday April 27th at 6:00 p.m.



Sergio Diaz

Respectfully, Marty Arroyo, Chairperson

Sergio Diaz and Fernando Gonzalez will be squaring off on the 5/12/15 special election for the last Council Seat. At several Perth Amboy Council Meetings, some residents have voiced their concerns as to why all the candidates were not listed on the ballot.

We were able to reach a Republican poll clerk to see if they had received any information about the special elections coming up. That person stated that the only communications they received was a letter of confirmation in late

anization or myself. We 27th at 6:00 p.m. Continued on Page 6

Statement by Perth Amboy Republican Chair

PERTH AMBOY - "While I applaud all efforts to eliminate all types of Voter Fraud, as I believe we must protect the freedom citizens have to exercise their constitutional right to vote, and protect the privacy of their vote, I also find it is very critical to balance these safeguards and follow a process by which governs us through law.

Although, I am the Republican Municipal Chair and these removals have impacted almost all of the existing Democrat poll clerks, I am empathetic to these individuals and submitted a complaint based upon my findings. Specifi-

Democrat poll clerks removed are experienced Senior Citizens (approximately 40-45 individuals), in addition to other poll clerks who also have the most experience working at the polls. To my knowledge, these individuals impacted by their removal have earnestly done their job in a manner by which there have not been complaints, and were not removed by their new Democrat Municipal Chair, Martin Arroyo. The law is very clear, in that, it is up to the Municipal Party Chair to recommend poll clerks of their respective party. I find the action of not using

cally, I noticed that most of the Democrat poll clerks removed are experienced Senior Citian Municipal Party Chair's recommendations, to be politically motivated.

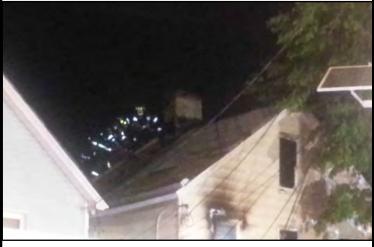
In the Special Election of May 12th, we need to have a balance of experienced Poll Clerks (both Democrat and Republican) to ensure a fair, neutral, and honest polling place, free of politics. Both Martin Arroyo and I have submitted complaints regarding this matter to the Board of Elections, and hopefully, through this bipartisan effort, they will grant us a hearing. "

Best regards, Sharon D. Hubberman Perth Amboy Republican Org Municipal Chair

Fire on State Street, Perth Amboy









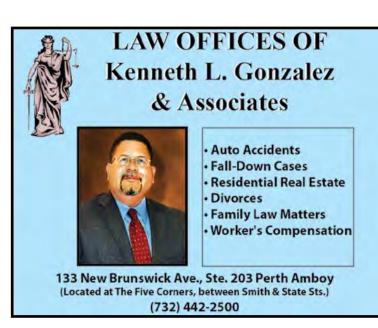
Statement from PAFD Chief Abraham Pitre

PERTH AMBOY - We were dispatched to 653 State St. at 8:47pm for the structure fire. Upon arrival there was fire coming through the wall in the front of the building a window as well as heavy gray smoke. floor. Upon opening up the walls on the inside fire was running up the walls inside into the attic as well. The second floor resident states she heard something sizzling in the wall; she then saw fire and attempted to extinguish it with pots of water as well as smother it with a comforter. No injuries to either firefighters or residents. The fire was placed under control in less than an hour. Mutual Aid Assistance was received from Hopelawn, Keasbey, South Amboy on the scene and Fords and Sayreville. Five individuals needed assistance with relocation.

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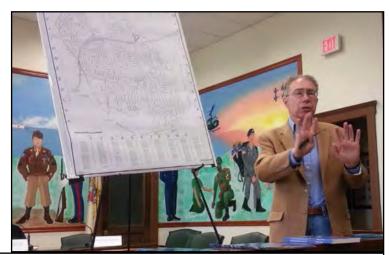
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The Citizens Campaign and Partners Hosted the Post Sandy Perth Amboy Conference on Earth Day Weekend





Mayor Diaz Addresses the Attendees and Former B.A. Greg Fehrenbach makes a presentation a the Post Sandy Perth Amboy Conference held at the Council Chambers on 4/25/15 *Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



Michelle Hartmann, Design Specialist, Rutgers Water Resources Program, Harry Pozycki, Chairman of Citizen's Campaign, Chris Sturm, Senior Director of State Policy, NJ Future

By: Juanitia Adams, Citizen's Campaign Staff PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy residents remember well the devastation of Super Storm Sandy. Causing millions of dollars in damages, the devastation did not spare area landmarks like Seabra's Armory and the city's waterfront. In the years since 2012, the city has rebuilt much of what was destroyed. Although, scientists predict intense storms could be one of the weather impacts of climate change.

Realizing the importance of community involvement in the solution search, The Citizens Campaign, in partnership with the City of Perth Amboy, New Jersey Urban Mayors Association and New Jersey Future, hosted a Storm Resiliency conference at City Hall on April 25th.

With opening remarks from Mayor Diaz, the free conference began with her updating Perth Amboy Civic Trustees and residents on the City's reconstruction efforts. Held shortly after Earth Day, the expert panelists were representative of some of the most important environmental and business organizations from Perth Amboy and around New Jersey.

Panelist Greg Fehrenbach, former business administrator of Perth Amboy, began the conversation by detailing the



Royal Garden Club President and City Council President Lisa Nanton was in attendance with other members of the Garden Club.



Carolyn Pozycki with her fiancee, BJ Torres and his two sons, Joaquin, and Emilio

specific damages and improvements made in the storms aftermath. Citizens questioned him on the city's efforts in overseeing the damage caused to area waterways like the Arthur Kill.

Following his presentation, Chris Sturm, the Senior Director of State Policy at New Jersey Future, spoke on the unique challenges facing the City's sewer drainage infrastructure. One of only twenty one cities in New Jersey to use a combined sewer system (CSO's), this system presents unique challenges during storms. As they are designed to discharge sewage into area waterways when the volume of stormwater is too great for a cities treatment plant to handle.

Realizing these unique challenges, Perth Amboy Civic Trustees and residents have collaborated with the Rutgers Water Resources Program. This organization promotes Green Infrastructure projects around the state. The final pre-

senter, Michelle Hartmann, a Design Specialist with the program, spoke of the importance of community involvement in building a more storm resilient Perth Amboy.

This conference is a direct result of the research and solution search of the Perth Amboy Civic Trust, a program facilitated by The Citizens Campaign. Raising awareness of the unique issues Perth Amboy faces, Civic Trustees aim to educate themselves and the public to the new realities facing many of our coastal cities because of climate change.

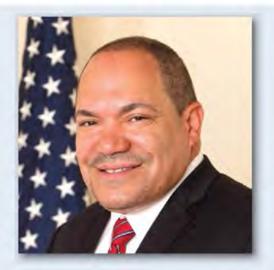
Not without a solution, The Citizens Campaign's Civic Trustees will present the 'Comprehensive Storm & Flood Protection Resolution' to the Perth Amboy Planning Board on May 6, 2015. This resolution, formerly adopted by the city of Trenton, moves flooding and other storm impacts to the forefront in city master planning.

THIS TUESDAY

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Sergio Diaz

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Mother's Day



Mother's Day came early this year. For one mother it was totally unexpected. Unless you were hiding under a rock, most people knew what happened recently in Baltimore where riots occurred, destroying many of the businesses in the neighborhood. There is an ongoing investigation as to the death of a 25 year old young man while in the custody of the Baltimore Police.

Handheld electronic devices make it easy for ordinary citizens to capture events as they happen and post them to social media websites instantaneously. One such video taken in Baltimore that went around the world quickly had to do with a mother, who in my opinion, saved her son from himself. Toya Graham happened to be watching the news in Baltimore on Monday when she spotted her 16 year old son, Michael throwing rocks at Police Officers during the riots. She couldn't believe what she was seeing, but she knew she had to spring into action immediately. She tracked her son down and immediately started to hit him, scolding him and using profanity to get her point across. Her point was: she knew her son was doing something that was COM-PLETELY WRONG. Graham said she didn't want her son to be another "Freddie Gray."

Protest broke out during Gray's funeral despite the pleas of Freddie Gray's family to please show respect for their deceased loved one. "This is not what Freddie would have wanted."

Layout & Asst. Writer

Ms. Graham is a single mother of 5 daughters and 1 son. She did what I wish a lot of parents would to do to their 16 year old's. They are not their child's friend when it comes to discipline. Her son was not her equal. If she is putting a roof over his head, feeding him, clothing him, it is up to him to follow her rules. He is not the adult – she is! And I'm pretty sure after that video went viral of her disciplining him strongly for what he did in public, he will not forget the lesson that he was taught by her.

I was listening to Curtis Sliwa (Founder of the Guardian Angels) on the radio. In his line of work with the Guardian Angels he has seen instances when children strike back and attack their parents. In this case, he could tell that Ms. Graham's child knew not to mess with his mother.

There are some people who made negative comments about Ms. Graham's actions towards her son. She wasn't concerned about being on camera. She followed her own instincts and got her son out of there.

Graham has made public appearances with her son. Her actions may have saved her son's life and turned him around to go on the right path. It would be interesting to interview him in a few years to see how his life turns out.

Now, I want to talk a little about my own mother. I was very fortunate that I had a mother disciplined myself and

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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Securing Social **Security**The real danger to Social Se-

curity are those politicians and lobbyists who want to destroy the Social Security program while claiming they want to save it. This goes back thirty years when Reagan signed a law to tax Social Security benefits even though people paid

tax on their contributions during their working life. Another attack was to raise the age to receive benefits. That does not guarantee a job to that retirement age.

If wages were raised that would also increase payments into the Social Security fund. Raising the upper limit to that \$200,000 figure would also increase payments. Since imports do not contribute, just add a 15% tariff to all im-

ported goods and services to compensate for jobs shipped offshore. A longer life expectancy, which is an average statistic, is no reason for a higher retirement age. Should people be punished for living a healthy life?

Social Security was created to benefit people who lived to an old age, not as disguised taxation.

Ronald A. Sobieraj

Life or Death -I Vote Death

- I Thought
As the sentencing phase of the trial in the Boston Marathon bombing has begun, I've had occasion to have a few conversations, or is that, have a few and have conversations. Doesn't matter, I've talked to a few people on the subject and was surprised to find even the Liberals were for death.

As for me I vote death, or so I thought. While doing the research for this letter, I came across an article that said the father of little Martin Richard, (the 8 year old killed in the blast), wanted the death penalty taken off the table. I found this strange since this turd not sound. If turdman is sentenced only killed his little boy, but to death, the seemingly endonly killed his little boy, by took a leg from his 6 year old daughter Jane, injured his oldest son Henry, blinded his wife Denise in one eye, and he, Bill Richard, was burned and had both eardrums ruptured.

Make no mistake, if that were me and my family, who's only "crime" was to go watch a marathon, who were devastated by some turd with a grudge, I'd vote for death. I'd want to be the one to push the plunger and use the expired or defective drugs we have all heard about.

As far as I'm concerned this piece of human excrement and

his brother has cost us enough money. I wonder if anyone has calculated the amount of money these two rocket scientists cost us. The manhunt alone, causing the city of Bostonto shut down. Man-hours of all first responders and special law enforcement used to respond to the blasts and to find those responsible. The medical costs. The cost of the trial. Add in the emotional trauma of the devastated victims and their families and the cost is too much to fathom. All the while paying for medical treatment, food, and whatever else it took to keep this turd alive so we could bring him to trial. So why would Bill Richard want the death penalty taken off the table. His reasoning is

less appeals process would cause Bill and his family to relive this tragedy over and over again. He just wants to put this thing behind them and start picking up the pieces.

I can relate. A little over thirty years ago my friend's father was murdered. The judge in the trial didn't charge the jury properly. He left out diminished capacity, probably because he didn't think it applied in this case. But, a retrial was ordered and the family, who had since moved out of state, had to come back to Jersey. They had to relive the whole

incident again. Upon her return home after the new trial the mother, who was frail to begin with, dropped dead of a heart attack. So yes, I understand his position. However, in this case, there was no doubt of his guilt. The only reason this guy stopped stabbing my friends father is because a cop shot him, in the house, in the act. There should have been no appeal and no retrial. The judge did not think diminished capacity applied the first time around.

So it is with the marathon case. He did it, no question. His brother and he were partners in crime, (not one influencing the other), so there should be no appeals process. But with our justice system, such as it is, the endless appeals process might add millions more to the price tag of this whole debacle. Plus add to the pain and suffering of the victims, who have suffered enough already.

Last I heard it costs approximately \$40,000.00 dollars, or so, a year to maintain a prisoner. So I change my vote to life. Who knows? Maybe a judge, or whose ever decision it is, will have the infinite wisdom to put this guy in general population. Then we could kill two birds with one stone, (no pun intended).

Joe Bayona

BE VERY, VERY **CAREFUL WHAT** YOU WORK FOR, IT MAY NOT BE WHAT YOU WANTED AT ALL!

The May 12, 2015 Perth Amboy Council Election should be a very interesting one. Our City and Country are faced with major issues such as Bank Fraud, which have

destroyed local, and State budgets, the housing crisis and the United Nations Agenda 21 plan for America's future. It is very important for all VOT-ERS to remember the system of checks and balances. To put it more plainly "do you want all of your eggs in one basket?"

Susan Batista



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"ASSURING INTEGRITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT"

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015

Editorial

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my siblings when we were in the wrong. She is the type of mother that any child would be glad to have.

There are some cases when people don't like to be compared to their parents. In my case, I always wanted to be just like her. She was one of the sweetest, kindest and one of the most beautiful persons I have ever known. That is how a lot of people described her; even those who just knew her only when they talked to her on the phone.

My parents were very active in their church and I remember attending church with them when I was very young. Easter and Christmas were special times because during those holidays we had to memorize special poems to present during holiday programs at the church. I remember having to go shopping with Mom for our special outfits to wear for the holidays. For Christmas, Mom and then Dad would be the first ones on my Christmas gift list.

Despite having 10 of us, there was always room in our house for the neighbor's kids or our relatives' kids. I remember feeling so grown up when I had my first real job and being able to afford to take my parents on vacation to New Orleans. My Mom and I also traveled to Freeport in the Bahamas. My Dad was supposed to go, but at the last minute couldn't make it because his taxi business was at its peak.

One night there was a hula dance contest at the hotel that my Mom and I were staying at. I decided to enter this contest. My Mom kidded me by telling me that she knew I wasn't going to win because I wasn't "shaking my little butt enough." Well, I was only 110 lbs. back then and I didn't have that much butt to shake. But we had a great time. My Mom belonged to a club called "Just Us Girls," that would have monthly meetings.

I loved when the meetings were held at our house because my Mother would always prepare a great meal and dessert for the members to enjoy. After the members ate and left. we would have the leftovers. That was the best part of the evening.

I used to travel a lot on my own and I remember agonizing over what gifts I would bring home from my travels for my parents and hoping that they would love the gifts I brought back.

I lost my Mom in 1994 to cancer. When she was undergoing chemotherapy, I knew she was in a lot of pain, although she tried to hide it. I remember asking God to try

to transfer some of that pain to me so she would not have to endure it, but it was not meant

When I have a lot of things on my mind, I try to think of her when I'm drifting off to sleep, hoping she will come to me in my dreams. She always appears in my dreams when I least expect it. I think that it's because that's when I truly do need her. When During the dreams, she is so alive that when I wake up, it's hard to believe that she is gone.

Our relationship was not perfect, but it was perfect enough

My siblings and I were very fortunate to have a mother who loved us so much, and I know there are those who are not as fortunate.

She was a role model not only for mothers, but for how people should be in general. Happy Mother's Day to my sisters, nieces and all mothers and caretakers on Mother's Day.

Carolyn M.

I am fortunate that my mother is still active and healthy. Every year in September we ride the bicycles down the boardwalk in Wildwood (a two mile strip) at the Firemen's Convention. Every year we see if we can make it up the ramp. Either way, we both ride the entire boardwalk every year.

One of my most favorite times is when my mother needed a photo of the sun rising in Perth Amboy (for her art class). This was in October 2004. We got up at 5 a.m. and went down the Waterfront. I got a great shot of the sunrise and it was published in the Home News Tribune.

Another time, (In 1998) I was playing softball in the Woodbridge Recreational League and I wasn't sure we had enough players, so I brought my extra glove and dragged Mom to the game. When game time rolled around, we were short one player. Mom played right field that day and guess what - She got a hit! We won

We went to Citi Field a few years ago to see the Subway Series Yankees vs. Mets with my aunt and my mom. My mom was sitting next to these two huge guys who had appetite to match. They kept on eating and she was in hysterics. She couldn't help but laugh at them constantly stuffing their face. I think they left in the fourth inning. They really didn't watch the game. But we had a great time watching the whole game. Unfortunately the Met's lost.

Happy Mother's Day! Katherine M.

Break in the Ranks

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April that they will be working the next two elections at their assigned location.

The Amboy Guardian called the Middlesex Board of Elections to speak to Daniel E. Frankel, Commissioner of Registration of the Middlesex County Board of Elections. We wanted to see if Frankel had a response to the portion of the letter hat stated that he was assigning poll workers from a list of people submitted by the Diaz Team.

Frankel was not available for comment, but we did speak to

Jim Vokral, Board of Elections Commissioner. Vokral could not comment on that statement, but suggested we contact the Perth Amboy Democratic Chair for clarification of the statement.

PA Democratic Chair Marty Arroyo was unavailable, but we were able to get a statement from Vice-Chair Diane Crawford. She stated that they forwarded a list of 90 eligible Democratic poll clerks to the Board of Elections. As of 5/4/15, only four clerks from that list have contacted the PA Democratic Organization to say that they received their credentials and assignments



PA Democratic Organization Vice Chair Diane Crawford

for the 5/12/15 Special Election and the 6/2/15 Primary.

Pallone Announces Two Grants to Perth Amboy Organizations for Housing Counseling

Press Release 4/10/15 WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ) today announced two grants through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Housing Counseling Program to help provide individuals and families with advice and information on housing issues. The goal is to improve financial literacy, expand homeownership opportunities, prevent foreclosure, and improve access to affordable housing. Through this program, the Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy has been awarded a \$13,071 grant, and the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development in Perth Amboy has been awarded a \$12,323 grant.

"These grants through HUD's vide guidance and advice to Housing Counseling Assistance Program will help to provide New Jersey's families and individuals with accessible information and advice on being responsible and successful tenants and homeowners," said Congressman Pallone. "I encourage New Jerseyans who may be struggling to keep or secure a home to take advantage of these resources."

The grants to the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development and the Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy through HUD's Housing Counseling Program can support a variety of housing counseling services to homebuyers, homeowners, low- to moderate-income renters, and the homeless. Counselors prohelp families and individuals improve their housing conditions and meet the responsibilities of tenancy and homeownership. Counselors also help borrowers avoid inflated appraisals, unreasonably high interest rates, unaffordable repayment terms, and other conditions, which can result in a loss of equity, increased debt, default, and foreclosure.

Organizations funded through this HUD program may also provide Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) counseling to elderly homeowners who are looking to convert equity in their homes into income that can be used to pay for home improvements, medical costs, living expenses, or other expenses.

Healthcare **Provider CPR**

Class

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is providing an American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR class Wednesday, May 6, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Participants will receive certification CPR for adults, infants and children and learn about ventilation devices, automated external defibrillators and how to clear an obstructed airway in responsive and unresponsive patients. Cost is \$80 per person. Make checks payable to RBMC. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS. (1-800-362-8677)

Pallone Announces Federal Funding to Provide Homeless NJ Veterans with Permanent Homes

Press Release 4/16/15 WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) today announced that the Long Branch Housing Authority will receive \$146,815 in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to help homeless veterans find a permanent

"The estimated 7,000 to 8,000 homeless veterans in New Jersey deserve better,"said Congressman Pallone. "I am pleased that our veterans are receiving an important measure of support with this funding, but we cannot rest until every man and woman who served our country has a roof over their head."

Funding is provided through the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-

VASH) Program, which combines rental assistance from HUD with case management and clinical services provided by VA. Veterans participating in the HUD-VASH program rent privately owned housing and generally contribute no more than 30 percent of their income toward Through HUD-VASH, partnering VA medical centers work closely with homeless veterans to refer them to public housing agencies for these vouchers. These decisions are based upon a variety of factors, most importantly the duration of the homelessness and the need for longer term more intensive support to obtain and maintain permanent housing. The grants announced today

are part of \$65 million appropriated this year to support the housing needs of homeless veterans through the HUD-VASH program.

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To register or for more information, call (732) 324-5022.

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Food Stamps Assistance

PERTH AMBOY - Every Wednesday there will be a Food Stamps Assistance Program 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.: JRF's Family Success Center families to come in and meet with a representative from the Community Food Bank of NJ to assist with food stamps application and eligibility guidelines. For additional information please call 732-638-5063 or visit our office located at: 149 Kearny Ave. Perth Amboy (Rear of Proprietary House).

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Perth Amboy
WED. May 6
Board of Education, 6 p.m.
PAHS, Eagle Ave.
MON. May 11
City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
TUES. May 12
Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
UEZ, 6 p.m.
City Hall, High St.

BID, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St. City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.

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South Amboy

WED. May 13

WED. May 6 City Council, Business, 6 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

MON. May 18 Board of Education,

Business/Public, 6 p.m. SA Middle/High School, Harold Hoffman Pl.

WED. May 20 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

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Press Release

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We are extremely pleased with this award as this program is extremely competitive with over 630 projects submitted and only \$78.75 million in funding available.

This project will be out for Bid shortly.

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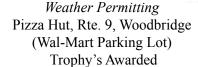


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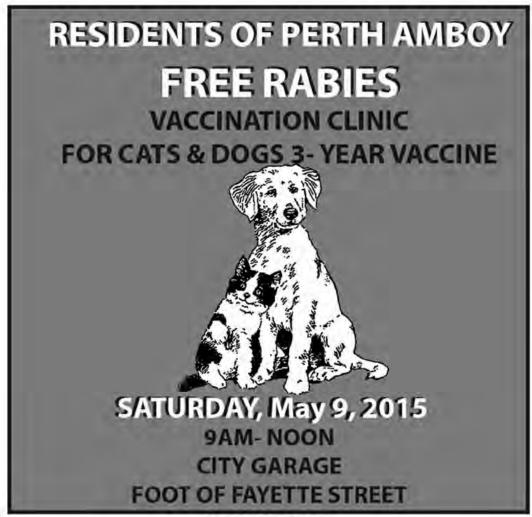


Flea Market

SEWAREN - The First Baptist Church of Woodbridge Food Pantry Presents Spring 2015 Flea Market. Come for food, fun, crafts and bargains: Saturday, May 9th (Rain Date May 16th) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 130 Sewaren Ave., Sewaren. Vendors: reserve your space now! \$25 (Space - bring your own table); \$10 Table (You rent one of our tables); \$35 Both (You rent a space & table) For more information call: Deacon Jones 347-930-4764 or Sister Roman: 848-565-1886.

Free Income Tax **Preparation**PERTH AMBOY - FSC is

partnering up with United Way and is bringing back V.I.T.A. Anyone interested in this opportunity you must first schedule an appointment and come into our center to pick up the paperwork that must be completed prior to your appointment. If interested or for additional information/details please call 732-638-5063 or visit our office located at: 149 Kearny Ave. Perth Amboy (Back of Proprietary House).



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Amboy Ave's **Small Business** Street Fair

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a Small Business Street Fair on Amboy Avenue and Washington Street on Saturday, May 16th from 12 noon to 4 pm. We will have music, interactive entertainment, superb food, local vendors and kid friendly activities.

We will also have activities such as the Amboy Ouest and Food Battles.

This day will be dedicated to providing a venue where people can come together to support one another and their local small businesses. See You There!

Spring Flower Fair 2015

NEW BRUNSWICK - Please bring your own garden cart. The Ultimate Plant Sale! The sale is on rain or shine. Come out to support the Gardens and our Student Internship Program. The Spring Flower Fair is a garden plant sale that provides you with the opportunity to purchase everyone's favorite varieties, as well as unique and/or difficult-to-find plants that will enhance your garden with flower, form or food. This year we increased the selection of those hard-to-find plants, but also focused upon those plants that will provide

solutions to difficult sites in your garden!

Your purchase directly benefits the Rutgers Gardens Student Internship Program, which will provide hands-on educational experience for over 12 students this coming summer. Friday, May 8 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sale open to the general public. Saturday, May 9 from 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sale open to the general public. Sunday, May 10 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sale open to the general public.

National Day of Prayer SOUTH AMBOY - The 64th

SOUTH AMBOY - The 64th National Day of Prayer will be held on May 7 in front of the South Amboy City Hall on Broadway - under the flag - at 12:00 noon. People of all different faiths will gather that day to pray for the nation and its leaders.

Zumba

PERTH AMBOY - FSC is bringing Zumba back to our center. Every 1st and 4th Wednesday from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Recreation center located at 1 Olive St. Perth Amboy. For further information please call 732-638-5063 or visit our office located at: 149 Kearny Ave. Perth Amboy.

Tour of Berkow Maternity Pavilion

PERTH AMBOY- Raritan Bay Medical Center's monthly tour of The Berkow Maternity Pavilion and family health information open house will be held Wednesday, May 13, at 7 p.m. Newly expectant parents are invited to take the tour and learn about the maternity unit's modern comforts designed to provide a calm and relaxing birthing experience. Participants are asked to meet in the main lobby of the hospital's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Registration required, call 1.800. DOCTORS (1.800.362.8677) and reference zip code 08861.

Summer Camp

EDISON – Metuchen High School Students Bridget Waldron and Rachel Suss organized an event at Kiddie Keep Well Camp in Roosevelt Park. Kiddie Keep Well is a 501(C) (3) non-profit that provides hundreds of kids each summer with a sleep away camp experience they would normally not be able to afford.

They received a grant from the Disney Friends for Change program through the Youth Service America to host a Carnival for the campers and the children of Middlesex County to encourage them to get outside and be healthy. The carnival will be held on Sunday, April 19th, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the open grove in Roosevelt Park and we would be honored if you would attend to show support for the kids and the community.

Food Drive

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Post Office will take part in the National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive which will take place on Saturday, May 9. Non-perishable foods can be brought to the Post Office during regular business hours on that day. Containers will be located inside the Post Office to place your items.

Fashion Show

PERTH AMBOY - The 10th Annual Fashion's by the Bay Fashion Show sponsored by St. Peter's Episcopal Church at Raritan Yacht Club, 160 Water St., Perth Amboy on Thursday, May 14th. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Dinner: 7 p.m. Door prizes, 50/50 - Basket Raffles, TV Raffle. Donation \$40 - Advance Ticket Sales Only! Tickets may be purchased by contacting: The Church Office: 732-826-1594.

Waterfront Arts Festival

PERTH AMBOY - The Waterfront Arts Festival planned for Saturday May 23 from 12 Noon to 6 p.m. There will be live music, food vendors and artists selling original artwork on Sadowski Parkway. This is a family friendly event with free admission and will offer arts & crafts for the kids. The Perth Amboy Waterfront Arts Festival Facebook page has an event listing you can share.

Elvis Dance

SAYREVILLE - Sat. May 16, St. Stan's School Gym, 225 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville. Buffet Dinner and Show, Doors open at 6 p.m. Show starts 8 p.m. \$30 pp. - Cash Bar. Please reserve your table early. A night to enjoy with the memorable music of Elvis. For tickets call: Connie - 732-651-6391; Bernie - 732-257-3077; Church Office - 732-254-0212. St. Stan's Rosary Altar Society would like to Thank You for your support!



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For additional information, please contact: events@southamboynj.gov or call Amy at 732.525.5965





Ask the Rabbi

EDISON - Every Wednesday, Rabbi Saks of Congregation Beth Mordecai in Perth Amboy, will be at Menlo Park Mall Food Court at 12 noon to 1 p.m. for his "Ask the Rabbi" program. He will offer a Jewish perspective on any question that you would like to ask.

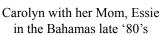
Learn with the Rabbi at Panera Yeshiva

WOODBRIDGE - Every Wednesday, Rabbi Saks of Congregation Beth Mordecai in Perth Amboy, will be at Panera Bread in Woodbridge (across from Wegmans) from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. He will be teaching different Jewish subjects each week.



















Xbox Club

SOUTH AMBOY- Xbox from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

We Keep You

Moving
PERTH AMBOY - The Hu-

PERTH AMBOY - The Human Motion Institute at Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a free "We Keep You Moving" Total Joint Replacement Education session Friday, May 15, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, at the medical center's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Session will be presented by clinical specialists. Registration required, call 732-535-4746

Healthy Heart Event

SOUTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is providing a healthy heart event providing free education about chronic heart conditions, medication management, blood pressure screening and heart rate testing Wednesday, May 6, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at South Amboy YMCA, 200 John T. O'Leary Blvd. High blood pressure and irregular heart is associated with stroke, heart failure, heart attack and other life threatening conditions. Take advantage of these screenings and education to maintain a healthy heart.





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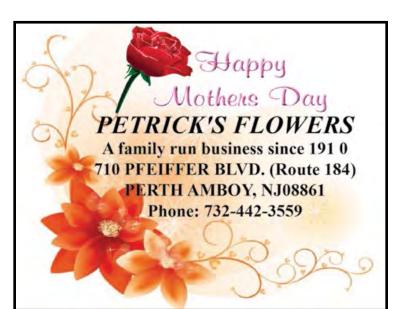
SOUTH AMBOY - Yoga classes at the Knights of Columbus in South Amboy, 308 fourth street, are ongoing. Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. to 7:20p.m. A mat is required. Part of the proceeds benefit the Columbian Club council No. 426. Drop in rate is \$10. Packages available at a reduced rate. Pre-registration required. Please call Denise 732-525-9536 or email healthandfitnesswithdenise@gmail.com





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PERTH AMBOY - \$100 of Groceries for \$39...Does That Interest You? The Jolin Food box program is designed to provide families with nationally branded food products at wholesale prices. On behalf of the Cathedral's Community Development Corporation, the Jewish Renaissance Foundation's AmeriCorps is helping promote the Jolin Food Box. Check out https://jolinfoodbox.com/Home_Page.html or contact us at 732-376-6642.





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SOUTH AMBOY/PERTH AMBOY - Resolution R-170-4/15 Recognizing May 3rd thru May 9th as Municipal Clerks Week. Photo (L) South Amboy's City Clerk, Laura Kemble-Kalantsis; Photo (R) (L to R) Perth Amboy City Clerks Elaine Jasko, Raquel Roche, Victoria Kupsch. Congratulations for a job well done, Ladies!



Marcella Massopust takes a moment for a photo in Lafayette, NJ

Audre



Audrey with her granddaughter, daughter, sons, and nephew. Happy Mother's Day Audrey!

Happy Mother's Day From the Amboy Guardian





Ring of Hope It was my mother's ring

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strength

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My wish is granted when I wear this ring
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Dioris Luis Arlequin "The Poet"

Inspirations Art Show RBMC, Perth Amboy 4/16/15

*Photos by Katherine Massopust



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May 30th, 10am - 4:30pm

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Open House South Amboy Historical Society



Keeping with the first responder theme of the open house. Betty Leveille of the South Amboy First Aid Squad gives a brief history of the squad.



Pictured left to right. S.A. Historical Society Treasurer Joe Coakley, V.P. George Fuller, Pres. Mary Szaro, Guest Speaker Joanne Hamilton Rajoppi, Sec. Holly Hughes Horning, and Mayor Fred Henry.



Visitors sit and chat while others enjoy the exhibits.



*Photos by Joe Bayona

President Mary Szaro welcomes the visitors.



Guest Speaker and author of the book, "New Brunswick and the Civil War", Joanne Hamilton Rajoppi.



The Audience listens attentively to Joanne Rajoppi.

Students Visit to Rutgers

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Arts Council Sponsors Visit for High School Art Students to Rutgers Mason Gross School of the Arts BFA Gallery Exhibit.

The newly formed Perth Amboy Arts Council partnered with the Rutgers University Mason Gross School of the Arts to host a tour by Perth Amboy High School art students of their current exhibition at the school's gallery in New Brunswick.

Over 30 students, a guidance counselor and their art teacher, Olga Bautista, also the Board of Education representative on the Council, spend the day viewing a full gallery exhibit of the Visual Arts The sis projects from the graduating senior class. The students viewed paintings, photography, sculpture, graphic designs and murals. All of the projects used art as a way to deliver a message unique to each artist. This year's exhibition theme was "Ladies Night", and actually included a custom-designed Neon sign created by the graduates.

As part of the private tour for the Perth Amboy students, many of the Rutgers MGSA artists were on hand to talk with the students about their techniques and the goals of their projects. The students offered a wealth of questions and the artists were delighted to provide as much information





as time permitted. Of particular interest was how the artists had to research and write a paper on the subject, and then propose a plan on how their art was going to deliver their message. When the students checked out each project, comments could be heard ranging from "I get it!!!" to "What's this??", and it was apparent that there was a real connection between the students and the artists.

and discussions, the students were given a tour of the complete Mason Gross Visual Arts (which turned out to be a big ities. Since the University was still in session, the students

Department. The students got to see painting studios (with some work in progress), printmaking shops, sculpture studios, photography, including the old fashioned darkrooms favorite), and production facilalso got to observe artists and Following the gallery tour professors working together





on several different projects.

ments for the University and

the MGSA in particular, and

how to build and prepare a

student's very important and

required Visual Art portfolio.

*Photos Submitted

Following the tour of the School of Art, the students The Perth Amboy Arts Counparticipated in a question cil hopes to work with the and answer session with their Perth Amboy Board of Eduhost, Visual Arts Department cation and Rutgers University Administrator Cassandra Olto further this partnership so iveras-Moreno, also a Perth that this visits to the Visual Amboy resident. The group Arts Thesis Exhibits can be a discussed admission requireyearly event.

> Additional photos of the Perth Amboy art students visit can be viewed on the Perth Amboy Arts Council Face Book page.

Community Clean up - Smith Street - 4/25/15

*Photos by Paul W. Wang & Katherine Massopust













Knitting Club

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Knitting Circle on the first and third Tuesday each month at 6 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Teens & Adults. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Healthy Heart Event

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is holding a healthy heart event providing free education about chronic heart conditions, medication management and blood pressure screenings and heart rate testing Monday, May 11, 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the Office on Aging, 1 Olive Street. High blood pressure and irregular heart rate is associated with stroke, heart failure, heart attack and other life threatening conditions. Take advantage of these screenings and education to maintain a healthy heart.

2015 Greek **Festival**

PERTH AMBOY - The 2015 Greek Festival by the Bay will be on Friday, May 29 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday, May 30 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday, May 31 12 noon to 7 p.m. at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 41-47 Wisteria St. and Sadowski Parkway (at the beautiful waterfront), Perth Amboy. For more information go to www.perthamboygreekfestival.org or call 732-826-4466. Free shuttle service at convenient locations, salsa dancing Saturday, Romantic Guitar Music on Friday Night, Saturday Night Dance Contest, Zorba Dancing Lessons on Saturday, Kid Fun Land All Weekend! Food! Music! Dancing! Fun!

Boy Scout Troop 53 Scrap **Metal Drive**

EDISON - On May 9, Boy Scout Troop 53 shall be holding a Scrap Metal Drive at Our Lady of Peace Church Annex, 39 Walsh Avenue, Edison, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. Please support our troop by donating your scrap metal. Acceptable Material includes: Steel, Cast Iron, Aluminum, Copper, Tire Rims, Car Parts, Appliances, I-Beams, Radiators, Air Conditioners, Stoves, Pipes, Fence Posts, Refrigerators, Aluminum Siding, BX cable, Compressors, Electric Motors and Engine Blocks,

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9th Prize - 4 Burner Stainless Gas Grill, donated by Petra Best Realty

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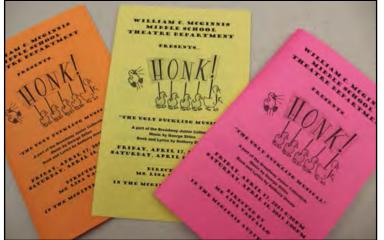
No substitution of the offered prize may be made and no cash will be given in lieu of the prize. No one under the age of 18 is permitted to participate. Winner need not be present. Winner is responsible for all Federal and State Tax

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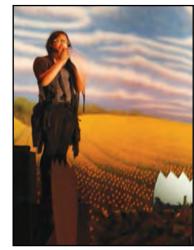
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Neighborhood Business Meetings - Coney Island Restaurant, Smith St., Perth Amboy

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Neighborhood Business Owners pose with Mayor Diaz and City Department Heads



UEZ/BID Coordinator Roxana Troche



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Take our Daughters and Sons to Amboy *Photo Submitted by Amboy Bank



News Release

SOUTH AMBOY - Amboy Bank president George E. Scharpf welcomes the growing group of children at bring your daughters and sons to work day. The children of the employees in the Administration building were treated to breakfast and a day of activities that focused on learning about banking and saving money. Amboy Bank has 22 branches in Middlesex and Monmouth counties. Founded in 1888, Amboy has been voted "Best Bank in Central Jersey" for 17 years in a row.

Tax Facts

Estimated Taxes Who Needs To Pay Them?

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka you're in the business of farm-C.P.A.

Interest, dividends, rents, royalties, and business receipts. What do all these types of income have in common? The answer: Typically, no federal income tax is withheld from any of them. That means you may be required to make estimated tax payments.

To determine if you have to pay estimates, you'll need three numbers: the amount of tax you expect to owe for 2015, the amount of tax you'll pay via withholding or credits for 2015, and the tax shown on your 2014 return.

Generally, if you expect to owe \$1,000 or more for 2015 after subtracting your withholding and credits, you could be subject to underpayment penalties. However, if you have prepaid 90% of your 2015 tax liability or 100% of your 2014 tax liability, you will not be penalized. Special rules apply when your income is greater than \$150,000, or if ing or fishing.

You can compute your 2015 estimated tax using the worksheet in the Form 1040-ES package. The package also contains the forms you'll file if you plan to pay the estimated tax by check or money order. The payments are generally due in four equal installments. The due dates are April 15, June 15, September 15, and the following January 15.

Be aware that changes in your personal financial situation can affect the amount of estimated tax you're required to pay. Remember, penalties can apply if you underpay.

Give us a call if you need assistance in calculating your estimated tax liability.

Please visit us on the following social media pages. We will be offering accounting tips, updates, and insight. Just click on the link below that you prefer, then LIKE or FOL-LOW the pages to receive our free, informational service!

Atlantic City Bus Trip

PERTH AMBOY - The monthly trip to Caesar's Casino will be on Thursday, May 7th. Bus leaves 12 Noon from Knights of Columbus, 228 High St., Perth Amboy. Cost \$30 per person. Receive a \$30 slot card. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819.

Ladies Auxiliary #4699

SAYREVILLE: The dies Auxiliary #4699 on 575 JerneeMills Road will hold their monthly meeting on May 26, at 7p.m. at the Post Hall where there will be Memorial Services for our deceased Members and installation of new officers. A light refreshment will be served at the meeting. Any more info call 732-264-3041.

PAHS Class of 1970 Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - P.A.H.S. CLASS OF 1970, "45th Class Reunion," October 3, 2015, The Forge, Route 9, Woodbridge, NJ 07095, 6:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m., Gourmet Buffet-5hr open bar-DJ, \$80 Per person. Payment due in full by August 1, 2015 -(sorry no refunds). Accommodations: Hampton Inn, Route 9, Woodbridge, NJ 07095. Mention PAHS REUNION & receive special rates (732-855-6900). Contacts: PAHS1970@aol. com, Tom:732-583-3527. Mail & Address checks to: PAHS CLASS OF 70, 10 Hamble Rd. Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087. LOOKING FORWARD TO **SEEING EVERYONE!**

Hunger Games PERTH AMBOY - The JRF

is having the Hunger Games Poverty Simulation on Thursday, May 21st at the Knights of Columbus, 228 High St.: Tribute Drop-off 5 p.m.; Survivor Pick-up 7 p.m.; Report to the Capital: Pre-Registration reguired by May 8th. May the odds be in your favor. Poverty Simulation is to an interactive dinner experience intended to bring awareness to the issues of poverty in our community. As participants come in, each will draw a character ticket that will randomly assign them to one of three income tiers and dinner experiences. This event is geared to proactively tell the poverty story, demonstrate the results of people who have overcome poverty, and most importantly ignite a call to action.



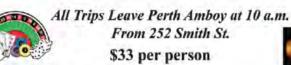
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Brain Injured Children Foundation *Photos Submitted by Mary Taylor







SAYREVILLE/OLD BRIDGE - What a great day! We were honored to be present when our Brain Injured Children (BIC) Committee delivered checks for \$25,000 each to the Brain Injured Children (BIC) Foundation, in Sayreville and Camp Robin, in Old Bridge, a cause very close to our hearts! It's not often you get to see the fruits of your labor, but this very rewarding day is one of those times. Thanks to everyone who made it possible.

Movie Review: Avengers: Age of Ultron

By: Anton Massopust III "Whatever you did, whoever you are, that doesn't matter. You have to go out there and door, you are an Avenger."

Hawkeye has to encourage some new heroes in a battle against a killer robot in Avengers: Age of Ultron. Yes, the team is back on the big screen, led by Iron Man, tracking down the scepter that gave Loki power so that Thor can return it to Asgard. But Iron Man and Bruce Banner have been working on a special project through the power of the scepter to create an artificially intelligent robot in order to put armor around the world and protect it from alien invasion. The project creation is Ultron, a robot that becomes self-aware and decides on its

own that The Avengers are the real threat to the world, and that mankind is doomed and must be destroyed and fight. When you step out that replaced with artificial life. It is now up to The Avengers, and new heroes such as The Scarlet Witch and Ouicksilver and a few others that I won't mention since it will spoil the movie, to save the world and its inhabitants. Each of the Avengers gets a chance to shine, including Scarlett Johansson as The Black Widow, and Mark Ruffalo as The Incredible Hulk, that even has a little love blossom between those two superheroes. Thor goes on a journey to find out about a vision he has, and Captain America has to find a way to team up with Iron Man to help stop Ultron. James Spader provides the creepy voice



for the seemingly unstoppable robot. They use a lot of motion capture in this film, and Ultron is actually quite funny as he is demented. The special effects are great; and what is also great about this film is that it is action packed and moves incredibly quickly. You

will be sitting in your seat saying "Wow, it is over already?" Definitely stay to the end to watch the after credits scene, which is just one. It is a lot of fun, and definitely a great way to start off the summer season of interesting movies to come.

PDFNJ - Winner *Photo Submitted



PERTH AMBOY - Stefan Amaya-Fernandez, a Grade student at Perth Amboy Catholic School, was a finalist in The Partnership for a Drug Free New Jersey 4th Grade Folder Art Contest. Stefan's entry was chosen from among 8000 entries submitted in the "Fun Things to Do Instead of Drugs" Folder Competition.

Only 30 finalists were chosen from the entire state of New Jersey. Stefan was invited with his family and Art teacher. Mrs. Rose Pennyfeather to The Newark Museum for the Award Ceremony on April 29th, 2015. He received a medal, a reproduction of his artwork, a buffet brunch and a tour of The Newark Museum with his family.

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Pasta Night & Tricky Tray

PERTH AMBOY - The 6th Annual Pasta Night & Tricky Tray Auction to raise money for the Jennifer Elizabeth Metzger Scholarship Foundation Inc. will be on Friday, May 29. Dinner will be served from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. followed by the Auction at 8 p.m. at the Hungarian Reformed Church Hall, 347 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy (corner of Kirkland Place & Fayette St.) Dinner Cost: \$10 Adults; \$6 Children under 12 (Tricky Tray tickets sold separately). Door Prizes & 50/50's. Tickets available by email: metzgerl@ymail.com or call Lisa Metzger: 732-850-4156. Please make checks payable to JEMMS Foundation Inc., c/o Lisa Metzger, 467 E. Woodbridge Ave., Avenel, NJ 07001. Dinner tickets will not be sold at the door.

Novena to St. Rita

O holy protectress of those who art in greatest need, thou who shineth as a star of hope in the midst of darkness, blessed Saint Rita, bright mirror of God's grace, in patience and fortitude thou art a model of all the states in life. I unite my will with the will of God through the merits of my Savior Jesus Christ, and in particular through his patient wearing of the crown of thorns, which with tender devotion thou didst daily contemplate. Through the merits of the holy Virgin Mary and thine own graces and virtues, I ask thee to obtain my earnest

petition, provided it be for the greater glory of God and my own sanctification. Guide and purify my intention, O holy protectress and advocate, so that I may obtain the pardon of all my sins and the grace to persevere daily, as thou didst in walking with courage, generosity, and fidelity down the path of life. (Mention your request.)

Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us.

Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.

Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each. K.M. & C.M.

Answers From Puzzle On Page 19



Me Time

PERTH AMBOY - FSC has partnered up with the AUL Charter school in bringing a Parent Support Group to the community. They meet the 3rd Thursday of every month from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at 333 high St. Perth Amboy.

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Senior Scene

Happenings

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Florida Grove Rd.

• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.

• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m.,

Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St. THURS. May 7 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,

Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

MON. May 11 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m.,

Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.

TUES. May 12 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.

Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m.,
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WED. May 13 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.

• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St. THURS. May 14 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

 Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Church Basement, Alta Vista Pl.

South Amboy

MON. May. 4 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon,

Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

WED. May. 13 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon,

Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

TUES. May 26 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

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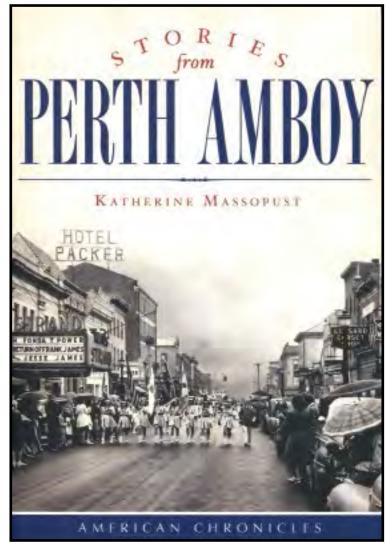


PERTH AMBOY - Katherine Massopust with Marcella Massopust dressed in Ukrainian costumes in Perth Amboy Tercentennial Parade 1985.

*Photo by George Schenck

This Photo was restored under a grant for the Kearny Cottage Archiving project by the Middlesex Cultural and Heritage Commission

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